

Executive Order 2007-27

**Designation of Phoenix/Goodyear Airport
As A Military Reuse Zone**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Naval Air Facility was established in 1941 in Goodyear, Arizona, and was used for operational and training purposes by the active uniformed services of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, the Air Facility employed several thousand active military and civilians during World War II and the Korean War and was used, among other things, for aircraft flight deck fabrication and aircraft modification, testing, delivery, preservation and activation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense transferred a portion of the property on which the Air Facility was situated to Goodyear Aircraft by Quitclaim Deed (Docket 537, page 255) on April 18, 1950; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy decommissioned the Air Facility in the late 1950's, and in 1965 transferred the remaining 800-acres of the site to the United States General Services Administration (GSA); and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1968, the City of Phoenix acquired the GSA's portion of the site (Maricopa County Docket 7166, page 66) to create the City of Phoenix/Goodyear Airport to allow the City to relieve the volume of general aviation aircraft using Sky Harbor Airport; and

WHEREAS, Goodyear Aircraft transferred its portion of the property to Loral Corporation (now Lockheed Martin Corporation) on April 23, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Lockheed Martin Corporation continues to operate its portion of the property for military defense contracting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix/Goodyear Airport continues to have an 8,500 foot runway; and

WHEREAS, the aviation/aerospace industry is among the most important economic activities in the Arizona economy, accounts for a significant portion of Arizona's exports, provides high quality, high salary employment opportunities, and has been identified as a strategic industry cluster by the City of Goodyear and the Greater Phoenix Region; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2002, Governor Hull designated the property consisting of the Phoenix/Goodyear Airport and the property owned by Lockheed Martin as a Military Reuse Zone (MRZ) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1531; and

WHEREAS, the designation as an MRZ strengthens the ability of the Phoenix/Goodyear Airport to create jobs and attract investment; and

WHEREAS, the MRZ designation at Phoenix/Goodyear Airport has been an important component of the economic redevelopment strategy that has attracted six companies and created 1,096 jobs since 2003 and has resulted in \$7.67 million in total investment in airport improvements; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Governor has consulted with the Director of the Department of Commerce who has requested, by letter dated November 30, 2007, that Phoenix/Goodyear Airport designation as an MRZ be renewed, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1531(B), for a period of ten years; and

WHEREAS, a renewed MRZ designation will facilitate State and local economic readjustment efforts by providing new opportunities for commercial and industrial development, including major infrastructure improvements that will spur job creation and accelerate economic redevelopment growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1531(B), do hereby:

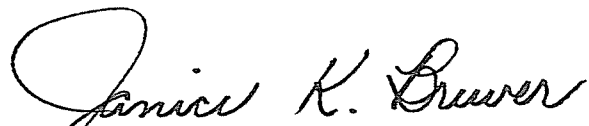
1. Renew the designation of the Phoenix/Goodyear Airport premises and property consisting of the property described at Maricopa County Docket 7166, page 66, and the property described in the Quitclaim Deed set forth in Maricopa County Docket 537, page 255, as a Military Reuse Zone.
2. Set the termination date for this Military Reuse Zone for ten years from the date of this designation, unless the Governor and Legislature renew this Military Reuse Zone by joint resolution in accordance with A.R.S § 41-1531 (B).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 3rd day of December in the Year Two Thousand Seven and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

